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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FOURTH CIRCUIT

No. 97-1454

BETTY L. LOVE,

Plaintiff - Appellant,

versus

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR; MADELINE O'BRIEN; ANTHONY SANCHEZ; CARY LEVANTHAL; DUANE A. CEASAR; DEBBIE ANDERSON; PATRICIA D. COLEMAN; MABLE E. MACKALL,

Defendants - Appellees.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, at Baltimore. Frederic N. Smalkin, District Judge. (CA-96-3554-S)

Submitted: August 14, 1997 Decided: August 20, 1997

Before NIEMEYER, Circuit Judge, and BUTZNER and PHILLIPS, Senior Circuit Judges.

Affirmed by unpublished per curiam opinion.

Betty L. Love, Appellant Pro Se. Allen F. Loucks, OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, Baltimore, Maryland, for Appellees.

Unpublished opinions are not binding precedent in this circuit. See Local Rule 36(c).

PER CURIAM:

Appellant appeals the district court's order dismissing her civil action for lack of jurisdiction. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1). We have reviewed the record and the district court's opinion and find no reversible error. To the extent Appellant alleges a claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act, the district court lacked jurisdiction because she failed to file an administrative claim with the appropriate federal agency. See 28 U.S.C. § 2675(a) (1994); Ahmed v. United States, 30 F.3d 514, 516 (4th Cir. 1994) (requirement of filing an administrative claim is jurisdictional and may not be waived). To the extent Appellant alleges a claim under the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA), the district court lacked jurisdiction to review such claims. See 5 U.S.C. § 8128(b) (1994); Hanauer v. Reich, 82 F.3d 1304, 1307 (4th Cir. 1996) (absent the agency exceeding its scope of authority, judicial review of FECA claims is barred).

Accordingly, we affirm. We dispense with oral argument because the facts and legal contentions are adequately presented in the materials before the court and argument would not aid the decisional process.

AFFIRMED